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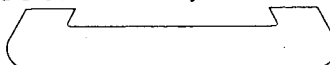
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**INDICATIONS OF OPERATIONAL STATUS**  
**SONGLIN SPACE LAUNCH COMPLEX, CHINA**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: SONGLIN SPACE LAUNCH COMPLEX HAS REACHED OPERATIONAL STATUS.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: ACTIVITY AT THE COMPLEX INDICATES THAT A MISSILE AIRFRAME HAS PROBABLY BEEN DELIVERED AND THAT COMPATIBILITY TESTING OF MISSILE EQUIPMENT WITH LAUNCH FACILITIES IS IN PROGRESS, HOWEVER THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT A LAUNCH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

A PROBABLE CSL-2/CSS-4 MISSILE TRAIN HAS ARRIVED AT SONGLIN MISSILE ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT AREA [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 1 OF 2)

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[REDACTED] THE MISSILE TRAIN, CONSISTING OF TWO PROBABLE TYPE C MISSILE RAILCARS AND A TYPE B MISSILE TRANSFER RAILCAR IS ON A RAIL SIDING NEXT TO THE ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT BUILDING. A MISSILE-ASSOCIATED RAILCAR IS ALSO PRESENT. THE ARRIVAL OF THE TRAINS, THE FIRST IDENTIFIED AT THE COMPLEX, INDICATES THAT A MISSILE AIRFRAME HAS PROBABLY BEEN DELIVERED AND THAT MISSILE CHECKOUT HAS PROBABLY BEGUN.

COMPATIBILITY TESTING OF MISSILE EQUIPMENT AND LAUNCH FACILITIES IS IN PROGRESS AT SONGLIN SPACE LAUNCH SITE A [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 2 OF 2). A SET OF CSL-2/CSS-4 1ST and 2ND STAGE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS ARE ON THE APRON. AN UNIDENTIFIED TRANSPORTER (APPROXIMATELY 15 BY 3 METERS) IS ALSO PRESENT. A CORNER OF THE LAUNCH STAND IS VISIBLE AT THE BASE OF THE SERVICE TOWER INDICATING THAT NO MISSILE IS PRESENT. THE CSL-2/CSS-4 1ST STAGE TRANSPORTER AND THE UNIDENTIFIED TRANSPORTER WERE FIRST IDENTIFIED AT THE COMPLEX [REDACTED]

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THE SONGLIN SPACE LAUNCH COMPLEX HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION SINCE 1971. THE RELATIVE SOUTHERN LOCATION OF THIS NEW SPACE LAUNCH COMPLEX, APPROXIMATELY 700 NM SOUTH OF THE SHUANGCHENGZI MTR COMPLEX SSM [REDACTED] INDICATES THAT GEOSYNCHRONOUS SATELLITES WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM HERE USING THE CSL-2/CSS-4 AND PROBABLY THE LONG MARCH 3 SPACE LAUNCH VEHICLE. THE LONG MARCH 3, A THREE-STAGE DERIVATIVE OF THE TWO-STAGE CSL-2, IS A NEW SPACE LAUNCH VEHICLE UNDER DEVELOPMENT.

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